

Some things a baby with normal speech, language, and hearing should be able to do.

Birth to 3 Months of Age

- Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden loud sound
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Makes sounds like “ohh” and “ahh”

4 to 6 Months of Age

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Uses many sounds, squeals, and chuckles
- Makes different sounds when excited or angry

7 Months to 1 Year of Age

- Turns head toward loud sounds
- Understands “no-no” or “bye-bye”
- Babbles, for example “baba,” “mamma,” “gaga”
- Repeats simple words and sounds you make
- Correctly uses “mama” or “dada”
- Responds to singing or music
- Points to favorite toys and objects when asked

If you have questions about your baby’s hearing or this list, talk with your baby’s health care provider

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Where Can I Get More Information?
www.babyhearing.org
www.doh.wa.gov/ehddi

Your baby’s hearing screen results

Your Baby’s Name

Date and Time

Birthing Facility

Screener’s Name

Results

Right Ear

☐ PASS
☐ REFER

Left Ear

☐ PASS
☐ REFER

If your baby did not pass the hearing screen, the appointment below has been made for your baby’s next hearing screen.

Date and Time

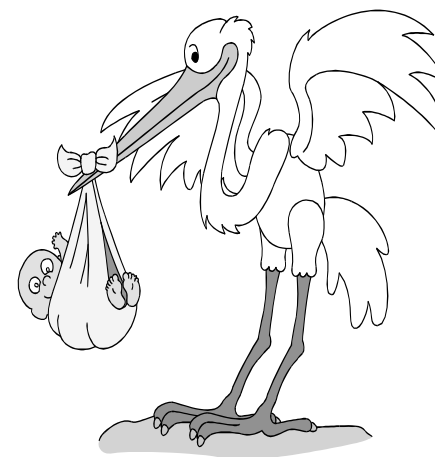
Place

Phone Number

Please call if you need to reschedule.

Can Your Baby Hear?

Your Baby’s First Hearing Screen



Why should my baby's hearing be screened?

- Most babies can hear well at birth, but a few do not.
- All babies are screened to make sure they are hearing normally.
- Newborn hearing screening is one way to know if a baby has hearing loss.
- It is important to find hearing loss as soon as possible. If hearing loss is found early, it is easier for babies to learn.
- There are many ways to help your baby right away if hearing loss is found.

Make sure your baby's hearing is screened before you leave the hospital.



What should I know about newborn hearing screening?

- The screen is safe, painless and can be done in about 10 minutes.
- Most babies sleep through the screen.
- Ask for the screen results before you leave the hospital.
- Be sure to tell the hospital the name of your baby's health professional or clinic so they can send them the results.

Why do some babies "refer" (do not pass) the hearing screen?

- Some babies may need another screen because:
 - Fluid in the ear
 - Noise in the test room
 - Baby was moving a lot
 - Baby has hearing loss
- Most babies who need another screen have normal hearing. Some will have hearing loss.

If your baby does not pass the hearing screen, make sure he or she is screened again as soon as possible.

Can a newborn baby pass the hearing screen and still have a hearing loss?

- Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the first screen, but lose their hearing later because of:
 - Some illnesses
 - Some medicines
 - Some injuries
 - A family history of hearing loss
- Watch for signs of hearing loss as your baby grows.
- Use the list on the back cover as a guide.





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